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**Cc:** Miller, Johanna[Miller.Johanna@epa.gov]  
**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Tue 9/22/2015 9:48:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

No, not until we have notified the elected officials – and that won't happen until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 3:47 PM  
**To:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Cc:** Miller, Johanna  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

What would you like us to say to the Animas River Stakeholder Group?

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 3:42 PM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

Regarding notification, Incident Command has been regularly notifying Congressional, tribal, state, and local offices. They maintain a list of emails that they can use. I've copied Laura Flynn Jenkins and Rebecca Russo who can help us in that regard.

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Distefano, Nichole; McGrath, Shaun; Ostrander, David; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura  
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Per Liz, this release will go tomorrow at noon eastern. EOC is reviewing and I will send the final to this group.

I'd like to see a plan of notifications - who is contacting whom?

Also, who in IC and R8 will be available for questions tomorrow?

Christie

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 4:36 PM, "Deitz, Randy" <[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov](mailto:Deitz.Randy@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** StClair, Christie

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 4:04 PM

**To:** Purchia, Liz

**Cc:** Distefano, Nichole; McGrath, Shaun; Ostrander, David; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Deitz, Randy

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Sounds good.

Looping Randy - Randy, are you and Dana prepared to take media inquiries this evening?

David and Shaun, will you be available into the evening to take media questions on this?

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 3:59 PM, "Purchia, Liz" <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

My edits to the release are below. I'd prefer we get this out now if notifications can be done in the next hour.

**Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

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**EPA Announces Gold King Mine Water Treatment System for Winter  
2015-16**

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Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response:  
[www.epa.gov/goldkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine)

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 3:55 PM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Cc:** McGrath, Shaun; Ostrander, David; Purchia, Liz; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Richard and Shaun, what else needs to happen on your end, and what is the ETA?

I defer to Liz but believe it is too late to release this today. Would it be possible to release at 11am or noon Eastern tomorrow?

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 3:42 PM, "Distefano, Nichole"  
<[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)> wrote:

What is the timing on this?

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**From:** StClair, Christie

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**To:** McGrath, Shaun

**Cc:** Ostrander, David; Purchia, Liz; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole

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Incorporated my edits into Shaun's version with a few additions.

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 2:42 PM, "McGrath, Shaun"  
<[McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov](mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov)> wrote:

My suggested edits...

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**From:** Ostrander, David

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 12:33 PM

**To:** Purchia, Liz

**Cc:** StClair, Christie; Braun, Richard; McGrath, Shaun; Sandoval, Joni;  
Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce;  
Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole

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I made another change. Here is my final.

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